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Acreage Reporting

The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

To be timely, you must file an FSA-578 by June 30.

To be considered timely, acreage reports for:

- prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop
- failed acreage must be filed before the disposition of the crop.

We will accept crop certifications from farm operators, farm owners, persons authorized by power of attorney and tenants and sharecroppers, for which they have a share.

We will also accept from all producers crop acreage reports for any purpose.

Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA's loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$200,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$852,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

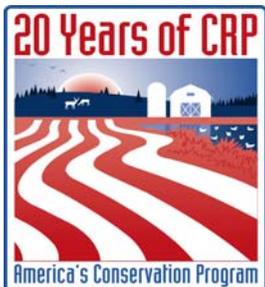
For detail information loan eligibility or the different available loan programs, just contact the county office staff for an appointment with a farm loan officer.

CCC-633-EZ Reminder

Remember, we've switched to the CCC-633-EZ form. It's a one size fits all form you can use to indicate your intention to receive loan deficiency payments for all your crops at the beginning of the crop year, long before you've lost beneficial interest.

The same form is then used to submit a request for an LDP any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

Contact the county office staff for details.





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2006 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

Reconstituted farms will have 30 days after the reconstitution is complete to sign for their DCP. Once you receive your letter stating the reconstitution has been completed, come by this office to sign up for 2006 DCP. Late-filed applications will be accepted through September 30, 2006, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Please remember that all cropland on your farm must be reported when signing up for DCP. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Preventing Fraud, Waste

The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency are partners in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, RMA or the Office of the Inspector General.

Dates to Remember

- June 15-August 1—**Nominations for COC elections accepted**
- June 30--- Last day to respond to REX CRP extension offer
- June 30—Last day to report spring planted crops other than small grain
- July 4---Independence Day **Office Closed**

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